

**FILING FOR RATE CHANGE
PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. § 39-3-11
DECEMBER 2006**

City of Woonsocket
Water Division
1500 Manville Road
Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895
(401) 767-1411

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SECTION I

NOTICES

December 8, 2006

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

**Re: Woonsocket Water Division; Rate Change Filing
Pursuant to R.I.G.L. Section 39-3-11**

Dear Luly:

On behalf of the City of Woonsocket Water Division ("WWD"), please find an original and nine copies of the above-referenced filing. The revised tariff is for effect as of January 8, 2007. The new rates are designed to collect additional revenues in a twelve-month period of approximately \$1.7 million (an approximate 24.92% increase to a typical residential customer). We have included in this filing pre-filed testimony from four witnesses to be presented by WWD. We have also included copies of all related supporting documents.

WWD has complied with all requirements of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and Rhode Island General Laws for this filing. In accordance with the Rules and with statute, we are providing a copy of this filing to the following communities and organizations:

1. Rhode Island Attorney General
2. Town Clerk of the Town of Cumberland
3. City Clerk of the City of Woonsocket
4. Town Clerk of the Town of North Smithfield
5. Town Clerk of the Town of Bellingham
6. Town Clerk of the Town of Blackstone

We have also included a copy of our proposed notice to be published in the Providence Journal. We would respectfully request that the Commission immediately review and approve the enclosed notice so that it might be published within the ten-day period prescribed by law. If we are unable to provide notices of the proposed increase in our billing, we will be sending separate mail notices to all our customers in accordance with Section 2.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

ADLER POLLOCK & SHEEHAN P.C.

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The following individuals should be added to the Service List:

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Very truly yours,

CITY OF WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION

By its Attorney:


Alan M. Shoer

AMS/dc
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Thomas Ahern, Division Administrator (with enc.)

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LEGAL NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATE
DOCKET NO. _____

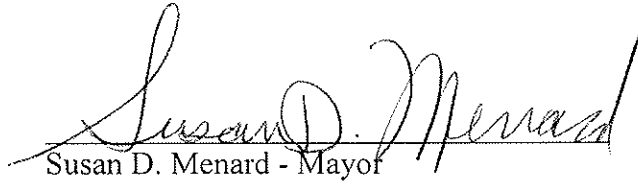
Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws ("R.I.G.L.") Section 39-3-11, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, the City of Woonsocket Water Division ("WWD") hereby gives notice of a proposed change in water rates filed and published in conformity with R.I.G.L. 39-3-10.

The new rates, as proposed, are to become effective January 8, 2007. The new rates, as proposed, are designed to collect additional revenues in a twelve month period equal to approximately \$1,700,000 over the current rates and charges. The proposed rate on a per 100 cubic feet basis for a retail metered customer is \$4.37. As filed, the bill impact for a typical retail customer using 10,000 cubic feet per year would be an increase of \$89.00 or 22% annually.

Please be advised as follows:

- (1) WWD is a body corporate in politic constituting a municipal corporation creating and existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island with offices located at 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895.
- (2) WWD sells water to customers in the City of Woonsocket, and the Towns of Cumberland and North Smithfield, Rhode Island and the Towns of Blackstone and Bellingham, Massachusetts.
- (3) Correspondence regarding this rate change should be addressed to Carol C. Lariviere, Water Superintendent, City of Woonsocket, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 and Alan M. Shoer, Esq., One Citizens Plaza, 8th Floor, Providence, RI 02903-1345.
- (4) A copy of the filing has been sent or delivered to the City of Woonsocket, the Towns of Cumberland and North Smithfield, Rhode Island, the Towns of Blackstone and Bellingham, Massachusetts, the Attorney General for the State of Rhode Island and the State of Rhode Island Water Resources Board. A copy of the filing is also available for examination at the office of the City Clerk, City of Woonsocket, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895 and the Office of the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island 02888.


This notice is given pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure as adopted on May 1, 1998.



Susan D. Menard - Mayor
City of Woonsocket
169 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND :
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE :

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of December 2006.


Notary Public

My commission expires on 12/6/2008

INTENDED NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

The City of Woonsocket shall notify its customers of the filing of its proposed Change in Rates as provided for by Rule 2.4 of the Rules of Procedure in its next general customer billing or by separate mailing if the next billing is more than sixty (60) days from the date of filing. The Notice shall be as follows [the dates for the hearings will be inserted]:

NOTICE OF A PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATE

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws ("R.I.G.L.") Section 39-3-11, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, the City of Woonsocket Water Division ("WWD") hereby gives notice of a proposed change in water rates filed and published in conformity with R.I.G.L. 39-3-10.

The new rates, as proposed, are to become effective January 8, 2007. However, the Public Utilities Commission may suspend the proposed rates for a longer period for the purpose of conducting investigations and hearings. The new rates are designed to collect additional revenues in a twelve-month period equal to approximately \$1.7 million over the current rates and charges.

The proposed rate on a per 100 cubic feet basis for a retail metered customer is \$4.37. As filed, the bill impact for a typical retail customer using 10,000 cubic feet per year would be an increase of \$89.00 or 22% for a typical one-year billing period.

In accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission, the documents encompassing the rate filing are available for review between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Woonsocket, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island, or at the Clerk's Office of the cities and towns we service. The filing is also available for review at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. The Commission will hold a public hearing at Woonsocket City Hall on _____, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to take comment regarding the filing. Evidentiary hearings will be held on _____, 2007 at the offices of the Commission, commencing at 10:00 a.m. These hearings are open to the public.

City of Woonsocket

TARIFFS

Existing Tariffs - (Effective date 2/18/2005)

Proposed Tariffs - (Proposed date 1/8/2007)

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Bulk Sales to Public Authorities for Resale**

Effective Date: February 18, 2005

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3512 September 1, 2003

Usage

Sales to Public Authorities at Bulk. Includes any community currently tied into the City of Woonsocket and communities tied into the City's water system in the future.

Rates

For all quantities of Metered water: \$ 3,207.19 per million gallons

Billing and Payment

All charges billed under this tariff are rendered in arrears on a frequency determined by the assigned billing cycle, and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Public Fire Protection**

Effective Date: February 18, 2005

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3512 September 1, 2003

Usage

Applies to all municipal customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department for service to public fire hydrants, based on the size of the hydrant connection.

Rates

For each Hydrant:	<u>Annual Charge</u>
4 inch	\$ 110.82
6 inch	\$ 321.91

Plus \$ 14.00 per billing

Billing and Payment

All charges billed under this tariff are rendered in arrears on a frequency determined by the assigned billing cycle, and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Private Fire Protection**

Effective Date: February 18, 2005

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3512 September 1, 2003

Usage

Applies to all private fire connection services served by the Woonsocket Water Department for service to private fire service connections owned and maintained by the customer, based on the size of the connection.

Rates

For each Connection:	<u>Annual Charge</u>	<u>Quart. Charge</u>
2 inch	\$ 40.72	\$ 10.18
3 inch	\$ 78.20	\$ 19.55
4 inch	\$ 143.30	\$ 35.83
6 inch	\$ 368.44	\$ 92.11
8 inch	\$ 756.98	\$ 189.25
10 inch	\$ 1,329.48	\$ 332.37

Unmetered private hydrants will be charged as 6 inch connections.

Billing and Payment

All bills for private fire service are rendered annually in advance and are due and payable when rendered usage through private fire service shall be billed in arrears at the general metered water service rates.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Customer Service Charge**

Effective Date: February 18, 2005

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3512 September 1, 2003

Usage

Applies to all metered customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department, exclusive of public and private fire service.

Rates

For each meter connection, the following charges shall apply:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Semiannual</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8	\$ 25.75	\$ 19.88
3/4	\$ 30.68	\$ 22.34
1	\$ 34.65	\$ 24.33
1 1/2	\$ 52.28	\$ 33.14
2	\$ 67.75	\$ 40.88
3	\$ 88.32	\$ 51.16
4	\$ 126.69	\$ 70.35
6	\$ 212.33	\$ 113.17
8	\$ 361.41	\$ 187.70
10	\$ 512.82	\$ 263.41

Billing and Payment

All customer service charges billed under this tariff are rendered either quarterly or semiannually in advance and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Metered Sales**

Effective Date: February 18, 2005

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3512 September 1, 2003

Usage

Applies to all metered customers served by the Woonsocket Water Department, including metered private fire service.

Rates

For all metered quantities except bulk sales to public authorities:

<u>Semiannual Use</u>	\$	3.24	per 100 cubic feet
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<u>Quarterly Use</u>	\$	3.24	per 100 cubic feet
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Billing and Payment

All metered sales bills are rendered in arrears quarterly or semiannually at the option of the Woonsocket Water Department and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Miscellaneous Charges**

Effective Date: February 18, 2005

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3512 September 1, 2003

Water Truck Sales

\$56 per truck load up to 10,000 gallons payable in advance

Remove Meter

\$31 per meter removal. \$26 per meter reinstallation

Billed in arrears with payment due and payable upon presentation.

Shut-off/Turn-on

Service Shut-off Charge: \$31

Service Turn-on Charge: \$31

New Water Meters

Billed at cost of materials and hours of labor plus 33.3% when installed at the customers request with in the sequence developed by City.

No charge when installed in the sequence developed by City.

Installation and Repair Work

Billed at cost of materials and hours of labor plus 33.3%. Estimated cost billed and collected in advance. Final bill prepared after completion of work. Under payments are due payable upon completion of the work. Refunds for overpayments to be paid within 30 days.

ARB Installation

\$47 per installation for City owned meters. Billed in arrears, due and payable when rendered.

Interest Rate on Delinquent Accounts

Bills delinquent after 30 days from the due date of the bill will accrue interest at the rate of 1.5% beginning from the due date of the bill.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Bulk Sales to Public Authorities for Resale**

EFFECTIVE DATE

1/8/2007

			Current	Proposed	% Increase
<i>Public Fire Protection</i>					
	4	Inch	\$ 110.82	\$ 134.32	21.22%
	6	Inch	\$ 321.91	\$ 390.15	21.23%
		Per Bill	\$ 14.00	\$ 7.28	-48.14%
<i>Private Fire Protection</i>					
	2	Inch	\$ 40.72	\$ 38.96	-4.40%
	3	Inch	\$ 78.20	\$ 84.05	7.46%
	4	Inch	\$ 143.30	\$ 162.50	13.38%
	6	Inch	\$ 368.44	\$ 434.33	17.88%
	8	Inch	\$ 756.98	\$ 903.27	19.33%
	10	Inch	\$ 1,329.48	\$ 1,595.07	19.99%
<i>Minimum Service Charge</i>					
	5/8	Inch	\$ 19.88	\$ 13.94	-29.98%
	3/4	Inch	\$ 22.34	\$ 16.74	-25.20%
	1	Inch	\$ 24.33	\$ 19.00	-22.07%
	1 1/2	Inch	\$ 33.14	\$ 29.01	-12.61%
	2	Inch	\$ 40.88	\$ 37.78	-7.75%
	3	Inch	\$ 51.16	\$ 49.28	-3.85%
	4	Inch	\$ 70.35	\$ 71.13	0.91%
	6	Inch	\$ 113.17	\$ 119.96	5.80%
	8	Inch	\$ 187.70	\$ 204.38	8.67%
	10	Inch	\$ 263.41	\$ 289.99	9.88%
<i>Metered Rates</i>					
Wholesale	Rate per 1,000,000 gall		\$ 3,207.19	\$ 3,924.25	22.36%
Retail	Rate per 100 Cubic Fee		\$ 3.24	\$ 4.37	34.88%

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Bulk Sales to Public Authorities for Resale**

Effective Date: January 08, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

Usage

Sales to Public Authorities at Bulk. Includes any community currently tied into the City of Woonsocket and communities tied into the City's water system in the future.

Rates

For all quantities of Metered water: \$ 3,924.25 per million gallons

Billing and Payment

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**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Public Fire Protection**

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4 inch		\$ 134.32
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Plus	\$ 7.28 per billing	

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Rates

For each Connection:	<u>Annual Charge</u>	<u>Quart. Charge</u>
2 inch	\$ 38.96	\$ 9.74
3 inch	\$ 84.05	\$ 21.01
4 inch	\$ 162.50	\$ 40.63
6 inch	\$ 434.33	\$ 108.58
8 inch	\$ 903.27	\$ 225.82
10 inch	\$ 1,595.07	\$ 398.77

Unmetered private hydrants will be charged as 6 inch connections.

Billing and Payment

All bills for private fire service are rendered annually in advance and are due and payable when rendered usage through private fire service shall be billed in arrears at the general metered water service rates.

City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Customer Service Charge

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Usage

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Rates

For each meter connection, the following charges shall apply:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>
5/8	\$ 13.94
3/4	\$ 16.74
1	\$ 19.00
1 1/2	\$ 29.01
2	\$ 37.78
3	\$ 49.28
4	\$ 71.13
6	\$ 119.96
8	\$ 204.38
10	\$ 289.99

Billing and Payment

All customer service charges billed under this tariff are rendered quarterly in advance and are due and payable in full when rendered.

City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Metered Sales

Effective Date: January 08, 2007

Replaces Tariff Approved in Docket 3626 February 18, 2005

Usage

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Rates

For all metered quantities except bulk sales to public authorities:

<u>Quarterly Use</u>	\$	4.37 per 100 cubic feet
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Billing and Payment

All metered sales bills are rendered in arrears quarterly and are due and payable in full when rendered.

**City of Woonsocket Water Department
TARIFF
Miscellaneous Charges**

Effective Date: January 08, 2007

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RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS
of the
WATER WORKS DIVISION
of the
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND
EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1999
(Except as Otherwise Noted)

FOREWORD

The following requirements are based on the Rates, Rules, and Regulations of the Woonsocket Water Division established in 1960 and various subsequent city ordinances as well as regulations of OSHA, RIDOH, and RIPUC.

Other requirements may apply, but all efforts have been made to supply complete, correct, and concise information.

This booklet has been prepared to establish a better understanding between the department and the citizens in the various communities served by the City of Woonsocket system. The rules and regulations embody a uniform practice governing the department for the installation of services, meters, water mains and miscellaneous services rendered. They are intended to define the obligation of the department to the consumer and of the consumer to the department.

People, as never before, are beginning to realize how essential their water supply is to life and health and the protection of property against fire. In addition to its value to our civilian economy, it is recognized by manufacturers as a basic material for which there is no substitute.

Like any other product, water must be distributed through miles of water mains in order to reach all consumers served by our system. Reservoirs of water are maintained in the distribution system to meet sudden peak demands placed on our water supply.

The rates charged for this important commodity are relatively low, and compare most favorably with those of other water utilities for similar service.

Request for Turn On:

After service has been shut off for any reason except repairs, it shall not be reestablished unless a written order is given the department by the owner or his authorized agent.

Refusal to Give Service:

No water shall be furnished to any property which is indebted to the City of Woonsocket for water service.

Penalty for Violation of Rules:

If the owner, agent, lessee, tenant or person in charge of any premises, shall violate any rule or regulation of the Water Works Division affecting said premises, and shall fail to remove any violations or comply with any written order of said Water Works Division pertaining thereto within thirty days after such order shall have been sent by mail to the last known address of such person, said Water Works Division may discontinue service to such premises.

If water service shall be so discontinued, it shall not be resumed until the rule or regulation so violated shall have been complied with to the satisfaction of said Water Works Division, and a reasonable fee paid to the City Treasurer for the service in turning the water off and on.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Main Offices

Offices of the department are located at City Hall, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket.

Office Hours

Office hours daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays: from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Emergency Calls

The department maintains emergency crews who are on duty the entire 24 hours, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Any emergency may be reported day or night by calling 767-1410.

Water Works Division not Liable for interruption in Service or Damage Resulting Therefrom:

The Water Works Division of the City of Woonsocket furnishes water and not pressure, and does not guarantee a continuous supply. No responsibility will be assumed for any damage to any apparatus in any house or building due to the shutting off of water without notice, either for repairs on account of a break in the pipe lines or other necessary operations.

No person shall be entitled to damages, nor to have any portion of a payment refunded, for any stoppage of supply occasioned by accident to any portion of the works; nor for stoppage for purposes of additions or repairs; nor for non-use occasioned by absence or any other reason.

Notice of Interruption of Service Not Required:

While it is the intention to give notice, as far as possible, in advance of any work which must be done that will necessitate interruption of the supply, such notice is to be

considered a courtesy only and not a requirement on the part of the Water Works Division. In case of a break in pipe lines, water will be shut off at any time without notice.

Failure of tenant or property owner to receive notice of interruption of service shall entail no responsibility on the part of the Water Works Division or its employees. Property owners must so install range boilers, hot water tanks and other installations connected with the water supply system, with adequate safeguards, so that damage will not occur if the water is shut off without notice.

Unauthorized Use of Water:

The Water Works Division of the City of Woonsocket will prefer charge in accordance with Section 11-35-7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, against every person who shall, without proper authorization from the Water Works Division, tap or make any connection with street main or service or other distributing pipe connected with the water system; or who shall, without such authorization, open any gate or valve connected with said system or for the purpose of obtaining such water; or who shall in any way or by any device obtain the use of such water without authorization.

Re-Sale of Water:

No consumer, except with the written consent of the Water Works Division previously obtained, will be allowed to furnish water to other persons or property or to suffer such persons to take it themselves. Violations of this regulation may cause the supply to be shut off and the water rate already paid forfeited.

Water Charges to One Person:

When water shall be supplied to more than one party, through a single service, the bill for the whole supply furnished through such service will be made either to the owner of the property or to some one tenant who shall agree to be responsible therefor. In case of non-payment, the water may be shut off, notwithstanding one or more parties may have paid the proportion due from hem or them.

Water Waste:

Water must not be allowed to waste through any faucet or fixture to prevent freezing, or kept running any longer than necessary in its proper use. The Water Works Division is required to restrain and prevent any and all wastage of water; and, to that end, may, when necessary, turn off the water or take such other action as in its judgment may be proper.

The following rules and regulations and all subsequent changes, amendments and additions thereto, shall constitute a part of the contract with every person, corporation and property owner supplied with water from the City of Woonsocket system. Every person, corporation and property owner using such supply shall be considered as having expressed consent to be bound thereby.

A copy is available to every consumer and can be obtained upon application, and all persons

are requested to read same carefully, as failure to know the rules and regulations will not excuse anyone from the consequences of neglect of such rules and regulations.

SECTION 1

Water Bills

Information Regarding Bills:

Bills are prepared by the Water Works Division and filed with the City Treasurer for collection.

Requests for information regarding bills or notices should be made either personally or preferably by letter to the office of the Water Works Division.

Property Owners Responsible for Water Bills:

To ensure proper rendering of bills, property owners shall notify the office of the Water Works Division of any changes in mailing addresses. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the property owner from the obligation of its payment or the payment of penalties subsequently incurred.

Responsibility for Water Charges:

Customers and property owners shall be responsible for all charges accruing for water service until written notice has been given to the Water Works Division by the owner of the property served to discontinue the service or (in case of a change in ownership of the premises) until notice has been give the Water Works Division of the change of ownership of the premises served and the new owner has filed with said Water Works Division (on the form provided for such purposes) a written application for water service. New owners using water at their premises without filing the proper application for water service shall be (1) liable and responsible for all water service provided and water used during their ownership of the premises, (2) subject to the penalties provided by law for the unauthorized use of water. In such cases the Water Works Division reserves the right to discontinue water service to any property, the recorded owner of which has not filed an application for water service.

Applicants for water service at all premises shall become responsible for all outstanding charges for water theretofore furnished said premises.

Section 39-15-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956.

PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS

Payment:

All water bills are payable at the office of the City Treasurer, City Hall, Woonsocket, and must be paid within (30) days after they are rendered and become due.

Penalties:

If bills remain unpaid for thirty days after they are rendered, the water will be shut off. Whenever water is turned off under such conditions, it will not be turned on again without payment of all charges due, plus a fee of \$20.00 for turning on the water.

COURTESY NOTICES

Notices:

It is the intention of the Water Works Division to send courtesy notices of increased consumption or delinquency in payment of bills, but failure to do this does not relieve the customer of his responsibility to repair leaky fixtures or pay water charges promptly.

INSPECTION

Inspectors of this department, or any person authorized by the Water Works Division, must have free access at all reasonable hours to all parts of every building, for the purpose of inspecting, removing or replacing meters, examining water fixtures, and observing the manner in which the water is used.

New or repaired service pipes shall be tested for water tightness in the presence of a representative of the Water Works Division before they are backfilled. Pressure testing of cast iron services and piping shall conform to the latest revision of AWWA C600.

Cast iron pipes shall be flushed and disinfected by the contractor and tested for bacteria and chlorine residual by a representative of the Water Works Division before being covered up. The contractor shall provide all necessary sampling stations using Woonsocket standard corporations. Disinfection and testing shall conform to AWWA C651, latest revision.

Do not allow any person claiming to be an employee of this department to enter your premises unless he can show proper identification. Any imposter should be reported at once.

PERMITS

No sidewalk or other public place shall be opened for installation of service pipes or other appurtenances until the property owner, through a licensed plumber, obtains a permit from the Engineering Division.

Cost of repairs to city sidewalks and roadways shall be borne by the property owner.

Permits shall only be granted upon approval of submitted drawings from a RI licensed Professional Engineer. One set shall be submitted to the Engineering Division and one to the Water Division.

DISTRIBUTION MAINS

If existing mains do not reach the centerline of a property or a the centerline of the building to be served, whichever is further, and the owner wishes to connect to the water supply, the owner must contract a qualified firm to extend the main to Water Division satisfaction.

It shall be required that new mains are looped and/or hydrants are installed to ensure clean water and proper fire protection. Dead end mains with no means of flushing shall not be allowed.

Distribution mains shall be at least 8" in diameter, larger if flow conditions require it.

All pipes shall be installed in conformance with the latest revision of AWWA standard C600 and disinfected in conformance with the latest revision of AWWA standard C651.

No pipe shall be laid in the same trench with a drain or sewer pipe, nor shall the water pipe be closer to a sewer pipe than eight feet at any horizontal point.

HYDRANTS

Hydrants are required every 300 feet within the city or as required for proper fire protection and flushing.

All hydrants maintained by the Water Division shall be in the public right of way.

Water supplied to privately owned hydrants shall be metered.

Privately owned hydrants shall be isolated from city mains by an approved backflow preventer as described herein.

Hydrant branches shall include an approved gate valve.

Fire Hydrants

The Water Works Division shall install public fire hydrants wherever required for fire protection, subject, however, to all the provisions described in Section No. 5 entitled "Main Pipe".

Hydrants are Property of Water Works Division:

All public fire hydrants and their connections are installed and maintained by the department and remain a part of the water works system. No connection charge is placed against the installation of hydrants. The use of hydrants for public fire protection shall be paid for by the areas serviced outside the city limits at the rate of \$0.00 per hydrant per year.

Obstructing Fire Hydrants:

No person shall obstruct the access to any fire hydrant by placing or permitting any snow, debris, building material or other obstruction to remain on or about the hydrant which will in any manner interfere with its immediate use.

Use of Hydrants:

Public fire hydrants are installed for the sole purpose of fire protection; and, with the exception of the members of the Fire Department operating the same for the legitimate purpose of extinguishing fires, no other use of such hydrants shall be made without the written consent of the Water Works Division.

SECTION 8

General

WATER SERVICE LINES

If the city maintained portion of an existing service line to a property has been shut off longer than one year and it is greater than thirty-five years old or otherwise noncompliant, it cannot be used for water service and must be replaced. The property owner must apply for a new service, the city's portion of which shall be laid in the existing location.

Existing service pipes, when renewed, replaced, or reactivated shall conform with the requirements for new service pipes.

In cases where one property is supplied with water by another, at the time of sale of either property, the property served by the first must install a new service such that there is separate metering and separate curb shutoffs, and no plumbing runs through a building on the property served by the city.

Each applicant for a new service line must furnish a complete and correct drawing or set of drawings showing the location of the premises to be supplied, together with location of all valves, pipes, hydrants, tanks, sprinkler heads and other appurtenances on the premises at time of making application. One set shall be submitted to the Engineering Division and one to the Water Division. The plans will remain the property of the Water Works Division.

The applicant also agrees to furnish the Water Works Division with drawings showing revisions to piping or appurtenances whenever the same are made.

The Water Division installs all copper service pipes in existing mains from the distribution main in the street to the curb stop just inside the curb line.

Larger service lines are laid by the property owner's plumber. The Water Division makes the tap with materials and excavation supplied by the contractor.

The Water Division determines the charge for these installations, covering equipment, labor, materials, and administration once the application for water service is approved. The cost must be paid for in advance. The owner must also pay unforeseen costs prior to service activation.

The service pipe from the curb to the building shall be laid by a licensed plumber after the Water Division installs its portion of the service from the street main to the curb line.

The licensed plumber must lay his portion of the service in a straight line from the curb to inside the building and at a right angle to the street line.

The service pipe shall be inspected and approved by a representative of the Water Works Division before being covered.

Service pipes must have 5 ft. of cover to avoid freezing.

The location where the service is to enter the property is determined by the Water Division based on the location of the building served and the location of other underground utilities.

No service pipe shall be laid in the same trench with a building drain or sewer pipe, nor shall the water pipe be closer to a sewer pipe than eight feet at any horizontal point.

Repairs to Property Owner's Service Pipe and Fixtures:

Property owners must keep their own pipes and all fixtures connected thereto in good repair and protected from frost at their own expense. In case of a break in that section of the service pipe between the curb stop and the meter, the property owner shall immediately obtain the services of a licensed plumber to make the necessary repairs. Failure to make repairs at once or to obtain the necessary permits covering these repairs shall be sufficient cause to shut off the supply.

Cleaning Service Pipes:

The Water Works Division does not recommend or approve the cleaning of service pipes to remove rust or other obstructions to increase the flow. Property owners desiring this service must submit their request in writing, and agree to take all responsibility for the cost of replacing the service in case it is broken.

Temporary Services

For Building and Other Construction Purposes:

Contractors, builders, etc., requiring water for construction purposes, shall make application for a temporary service, and will be subject to the same rules and regulations as apply to regular service installations. A meter will be installed on the temporary service by the Water Works Division, and the cost of temporary services are subject to same rentals as regular services with a minimum charge of \$0.00. Temporary services will be subject to the connection charge described in Section 3, plus the cost of removing the service.

All charges, including the connection charge, cost of removing the service and setting the meter, shall be paid in advance; and the applicant will be required to deposit a sufficient sum of money with the City Treasurer to cover the cost of the estimated amount of water to be used in conjunction with the work. If, at any time during the course of construction, the estimated amount of water covered by the deposit is below the actual consumption shown on the meter, the applicant will be required to deposit additional sums with the City Treasurer. After completion of the work, if the actual consumption registered on the meter is below the estimated amount, the department will arrange to refund the difference.

MATERIAL FOR SERVICE PIPES

All service pipes 3/4" in diameter up to and including 2" in diameter shall be type "K" copper tubing. Corporation stops and curb stops shall open right and shall be manufactured by RED HED Supply of Lincoln, RI. No solder joints shall be allowed in the service line.

Service pipes larger than 2" in diameter shall be Class 250 cement lined ductile iron pipe manufactured in accordance with AWWA standard C-151 and cement lined in accordance with AWWA standard C-104 except lining shall not be less than 1/8" thick.

FIRE SUPPLY LINES

No connection shall be made at any time between the fire supply system and the regular water supply to the premises. Valves placed on the system shall be of the style that can be sealed by the department.

No water shall be drawn from the fire service pipes for any purpose whatever except for the extinguishment of fire. This paragraph is not to be construed as prohibiting a reasonable use of water for fire drills, draining of system to prevent freezing, or other reasonable use in connection with proper fire protection. Whenever water is used for this purpose, either by the owner or the insurance inspector making the test, the owner shall obtain a reading on the meter before and after the test and forward this information, together with a brief description of the operations resulting in the use of water, to the Water Works Division.

Installation to be Approved by Water Works Division:

The Water Works Division expressly reserves the right to determine the necessity for and the advisability of, granting any application for this special service, and the right to determine the size of service pipe which will be granted; depending upon the size of the saree main, the available pressure on the main, and the nature and capacity of the fire protection equipment within the building.

Illegal Use:

When the owners or occupants of any premises are found to be using water from a fire service for other purposes than fire protection, the water shall be shut off from same until the offenders shall give reasonable assurance before the Water Works Division that the offense

will not be repeated. Water used for such other purposes shall be charged at the normally applicable rates.

METERS

All water from the City of Woonsocket system will be supplied through one primary meter for each separate service. Meters, up to and including 1" in diameter, except the meters on detector check branches are supplied and installed by the Water Works Division. The Water Works Division reserves the right to designate the size of meter to be installed on any service. Meters over 1" in diameter are the property of the property owner.

Damaged Meters:

If meters are damaged by frost, hot water, or external causes, either by carelessness or neglect of the owner or occupant of the premises or his agents, the Water Works Division, except as hereinafter provided, will repair the meter; and the owner must reimburse the Water Works Division for all cost of repairs.

In case of breakage, stoppage or any other irregularity in the meter, the property owner is to notify the department immediately.

Meters up to and including 1" in diameter are subject to an annual rental charge of \$4.00 per annum. This charge will be billed equally on each of the water bills rendered quarterly beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 1960.

All water passing through such meters will be billed to the owner of the property supplied, as the same appears in the records of the Water Works Division, whether the water is used or wasted. Customers are advised to read their meters frequently in order that leaks or waste may be detected and large bills prevented.

Meter Testing:

Every water meter is carefully tested before it is installed. Periodic tests for duty of each meter will also be necessary. Should a property owner at any time question the accuracy of the meter on his service, it may be tested after the department receives the request in writing, a \$20 fee is paid, and said request is proven valid.

Adjustments:

If the testing of a meter as hereinbefore provided shows that it fails to register correctly within two percent, the charge to the consumer shall be adjusted accordingly as the registration varies from 100 percent; and such adjustment shall apply to the current period only, unless it is apparent to the Water Works Division that a previous period's consumption has also been affected by the same error.

Repairs to Large Meters:

At the written request of the Water Works Division, property owners will return meters larger

than 1 inch in diameter to the factory for necessary and complete repairs. The owner will remove the meter within 15 days after receiving this notice, and will advise the department the date the meter is to be removed so that a representative of the department may obtain a reading on the meter. The owner will notify the factory to forward direct to the Water Works Division a certified copy of the test on the meter before repairs are made, and another certified copy of the test after completing repairs. All expenses covering the repairs are to be borne by the property owner.

Billing Non-Registering Meters:

In case a meter fails to register or has been removed for repairs, testing or other purposes during the billing period, the bill will be issued, based on the average daily rate of consumption as shown by the meter after it has been returned to service and is in proper working order.

If the meter has not been returned to service, the bill will be issued based on the average daily rate of consumption for the previous corresponding quarter over a 3 year period.

Unserviceable Meter Over 1" in Diameter:

The Water Works division reserves the right at all times to remove, test, repair and replace any meter; and if such meter is found to be economically unserviceable, require another meter be substituted in its place at the expense of the property owner.

Tampering or Defacing Meters:

In accordance with Section 11-35-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, no person shall tamper or deface a meter to prevent the proper registration of the water consumed by altering the register index or otherwise, or for the breaking of any seal placed by the department for the protection of any meter, valve or fitting.

A. For the efficient and proper operation of the water system of the City of Woonsocket, all water meters up to one inch in size, currently in operation, shall be owned by the City of Woonsocket.

B. There shall be no privately owned water meters up to one inch in size served by said system.

C. The City of Woonsocket is authorized to purchase all water meters up to one inch in size that are owned by individual taxpayers and connected to the City of Woonsocket Water System; and the Finance Director is hereby authorized to purchase said meters at the current market price of new meters of the same similar types.

D. Payment for said meters up to one inch in size that are individually owned at the present time shall be made from the Water System Construction Fund.

E. On and after November 1, 1960, the Water Department of the City of Woonsocket shall not provide water to any homes or establishments whose water meters are up to one inch in size if said meter is privately owned by the taxpayer.

Meters larger than 1" and smaller than 3" must be tested bi-annually and larger meters tested annually by qualified personnel and the results submitted to the Water Division.

Meters up to 2" in size shall be Schlumberger Neptune T-10 meters reading in cubic feet, equipped with iron frost caps and ProRead ARB.

Larger meters shall be Neptune meters equipped with ProRead ARB, model to be determined by the Water Division. Turbine meters are not approved except as a component of an approved compound meter.

All fire supplies shall be metered in one of the following manners:

The owner may purchase and install a fire line compound meter as directed by the Water Works Division, provided it is a type approved by said Board and the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The owner may purchase and install a Reduced Pressure Zone Device as described herein with a leak detector meter in a by-pass line.

The Water Works Division reserves the right at any time to require the owner to install a fire line compound meter in place of a detector.

The meter shall be located in the building nearest to the street line, provided that this building is not more than 75 feet from the street line.

In the event that the nearest building is located more than 75 ft. from the street line, the meter shall be installed just inside of the owner's property from the street line in a suitable housing or pit, provided and maintained at the expense of the property owner. Water Division approved residential meter pits for small meters are available which allow for proper drainage and protection against freezing while allowing the meter to be serviced without OSHA confined space concerns. Larger installations require the use of an above ground structure to satisfy these requirements, especially where a backflow preventer is required. The contractor installing the housing and service line shall install conduit and Water Division supplied wiring for remote meter reading devices.

Meters must be easily accessible at all times so that they may be examined and read by employees of the department. They must not be exposed to danger from frost or contamination.

The installation, repair and disconnection of all meters is to be performed by employees of the Water Works Division only, except as hereinafter provided.

All small meters shall be set approximately twelve inches above the floor, in a horizontal position, immediately after the main shut-off, and as near to where the service pipe enters the building as is practicable. The plumber shall provide an approved support for the meter.

Larger meters may be set directly on the floor, and compound meters shall have a straight length of pipe at least eight times the pipe diameter before the meter.

On every service line, immediately after its entry into the building, shall be an approved type gate or ball valve. All services shall be equipped with an approved type of gate or ball valve immediately following the meter setting on the house side.

SUGGESTIONS TO CONSUMERS

The Water Meter

Consumers are advised to learn to read the meter order that they may verify the meter reading appearing on the bill. The meter will not tell how the water was used; but it will honestly tell, if consulted at any time, how much is being used or wasted. Its function is to protect the City against the enormous loss from waste or extravagant use, and to fix the charge to consumers according to the services received.

All meters used throughout the City of Woonsocket system read in cubic feet only. One hundred cubic feet of water is equivalent to 748 gallons.

How to Read Water Meters

Meter dials are of the straight reading or circular reading type. A straight reading dial type of meter is read exactly as an automobile speedometer is read. A circular reading dial type of meter is read in the same manner as the register of a gas or electric meter.

In reading meters of the circular dial type, when a pointer is between two figures, the lesser of the two must always be taken. If there is any doubt as to the correct reading of any dial, refer to the dial of next lower denomination; for unless its pointer has passed "0", the pointer which is being read has not completed the division upon which it may appear to rest, and the last figure which it has entirely passed should be taken as the reading.

Meter Accuracy

Water meters are made with great care and precision and should, with reasonable care, give years of satisfactory service. A defective meter will invariably under register, or work in favor of the consumer. All meters before being set have been carefully checked and tested for accuracy, and when placed in service are sealed. This Seal Must Not be Broken by the Consumer.

Waste and Leakage of Water

If a meter suddenly shows an increase in consumption, with no apparent cause, one of two things has happened; a leak has started, or water has been allowed to run to waste.

Waste and leakage of water is an economic waste, not only to the customer, who pays much larger bills than he should; but to the water department as well, who must provide a plant of sufficient capacity to meet water demands resulting from leakage and waste in addition to the normal requirements of its consumers. Conservation of water results in indirect savings to

the consumer. It eliminates large capital expenditures required in expanding the supply, either at its source or in the distribution system, to meet unusual demands from leakage and waste.

Detection of Leakage

The flow of water from all fixtures supplied by the meter should be shut off, and the pointer on the circle marked "one foot" observed for a period to ten or fifteen minutes. If the pointer moves, a leak is indicated, the size of which may be determined by timing the pointer.

If the pointer moves one-fourth of the way around in fifteen minutes, it represent a waste of 24 cubic feet per day, or 8,760 cubic feet per year.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

All service lines utilizing a meter two inch size or larger shall require the installation of a reduced pressure zone device (RPZD) to protect the municipal water supply against contamination.

Other services such as medical facilities, sewer lift stations, or other facilities deemed hazardous shall also be required to install a RPZD at the Water Division's discretion.

The RPZD must be installed such that RPZD discharges are handled by gravity drainage and the RPZD is protected from freezing and submersion.

Backflow preventers must be Watts 909 or equivalents manufactured by Hersey, FebCo or Ames.

Every such device must be tested annually by an ABPA certified technician and the results must be submitted to the Water Division.

TAPPING MAINS

No person except an authorized and RIDOH certified representative of the Water Works Division will be allowed under any circumstances to tap the mains or distribution pipes, insert corporation stops therein, or interfere with water gates or curb stops.

CROSS CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED

No licensed plumber or others shall cause a physical connection to be made between the City of Woonsocket water supply and any other water supply for commercial, domestic, sanitary, fire protection or boiler feed purposes, or for any other purpose whatsoever.

No toilet, urinal bowl, or other fixture shall be supplied directly from the City water system through a flushometer or other valve unless such valve is set above the water closet

or urinal bowl or other fixture in such a manner as to prevent any possibility of backsiphonage or pollution.

No plumbing fixture, device or construction shall be installed which will provide a cross-connection between the City supply and a drainage system, soil or waste pipe, so as to permit or make possible the back flow of sewage or waste into the supply system. Drawoff pipes for draining sprinkler systems shall not be connected into a drainage system or a submerged pit.

If the City water supply is delivered to a tank which is also supplied with water or other fluids from any source other than the public water supply, such tanks shall be open to atmospheric pressure and the City water supplied above the maximum level in the tank. The tank shall be equipped with an overflow pipe of ample size to fix definitely the maximum level of water. There shall be at least 6 inches between the invert of the pipe supplying City water and the maximum level.

PUMP CONNECTION

No pump shall be directly connected to any City main or service for the purpose of increasing the water pressure in the City's or owner's system unless prior written authorization and approval has been obtained from the Water Works Division.

IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Underground or concealed lawn and/or garden watering systems of any type shall not be installed on any premises unless approved by the Water Works Division. Applications for water service which include the installation of such a system shall be accompanied by two (2) sets of plans showing complete and accurate details of the installation to be made.

The system shall be laid out in zones in such that no zone of sprinkler or spraying heads shall exceed a discharge rate of forty (40) gallons per minute. A control valve shall be installed which shall prevent the operation or use of more than (1) zone at any one time.

An approved high hazard type of vacuum breaker of the same size as the supply line shall be installed upstream of the system and not less than twelve (12) inches above the highest elevation of the sprinkling and/or spraying discharge point.

A check valve shall be installed in the supply line between the vacuum breaker and the water meter.

The submitted plans shall designate the size, type and length of pipe in the system; the size, type, make and discharge rate of all sprinkler or spraying heads; the size, type, make and location of the vacuum breaker and check valve; and the size, type and make of control valve.

MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

GATE VALVES FOR UNDERGROUND IRON PIPING

Gate valves shall utilize Tyton or approved equivalent mechanical joints and shall include all necessary bolts, gaskets, follower flanges, etc. Valves shall be Kennedy, Mueller, or US Pipe.

1. Double Disc

Valves shall be manufactured in accordance with AWWA Standard C500. Valves 12" and smaller shall be designed for 200 psi water working pressure and 150 psi for valves 14"-48" inclusive. Valves shall be mechanical joint type and shall have clear waterway equal to the full nominal diameter of the valve. Valves shall be double disc parallel bronze seat type with non-rising stems, opening by turning right and provided with 2" square nuts with the words "OPEN RIGHT" cast in bonnet to indicate direction of opening.

Each Valve shall have maker's name, pressure rating, and year manufactured cast on body. Prior to shipment from the factory, each valve shall be tested by hydrostatic pressure equal to 400 psi.

Resilient Wedge

Valves up to 12" NPS may be of the resilient wedge type. Such valves shall be manufactured in accordance with AWWA Standard C500. Valves shall be designed for 200 psi water working pressure. Valves shall be mechanical joint type and shall have clear waterway equal to the full nominal diameter of the valve. Valves shall be resilient wedge type with non-rising stems, opening by turning right and provided with 2" square operating nuts.

Each Valve shall have "OPEN RIGHT," maker's name, pressure rating and year in which manufactured cast on body. Prior to shipment from the factory each valve shall be tested by hydrostatic pressure of 400 psi.

B. TAPPING SLEEVES AND TAPPING VALVES

1. Tapping Sleeves (Cast iron or Ductile iron)

The tapping sleeves shall consist of a two part casting of mechanical joint type, longitudinally flanged on the vertical centerline. The entire surface area of each flange shall be machined. The longitudinal flanges of the sleeves shall be fitted with a rubber gasket extending along their full length. A groove to receive the rubber gasket shall be provided on the inner surface of one of the longitudinal flanges of each half of the assembly. The groove shall be located midway between the inside edge of the assembly and the

bottom edge of the assembly bolt holes. When properly assembled, the flanges with the gasket grooves shall be located on opposite sides of the sleeve assembly horizontal and vertical centerlines. The rubber gaskets shall provide watertight joints along the full length of the unit. The bolts used to assemble the sleeve shall be closely spaced to ensure uniform gasket pressure and compression.

Sleeves shall be provided with a raised head at the base of each hub to aid in centering the sleeve or cross on the pipe.

The tapping sleeves shall be of the same manufacturer as the tapping valves with which they are to be used.

Sleeve outlets shall have counterbored flanges to ensure centering the tapping valve.

All materials shall be as specified in AWWA Standard C500, and the MSS-SP-60 detail. The flange of the sleeve shall be faced and drilled to A.S.A. B16.1 Class 125 specifications and shall be delivered with all necessary bolts and gaskets.

NOTE: Tapping sleeves incorporating a compression type O-ring seal are not acceptable. Non-cast, fabricated sleeves made of stainless steel or other materials are not acceptable.

Tapping Valves

Tapping valves shall conform to above specifications for gate valves except that one side shall be flanged for bolting to a tapping sleeve and that the valve shall be of the same manufacturer as the sleeve with which it is to be used and shall be compatible in every way with that sleeve and with all aspects of standard tapping procedures.

C. HYDRANTS

Hydrants shall be U.S. Pipe Metropolitan 250 Model 94, Mueller Super Centurion 250, or Kennedy K-81D. Hydrants shall open right and have a depth of bury at 5', 5 1/2', or 6' as specified. Hydrant sections shall be a traffic model with breakaway coupling devices and main valve rod shall be connected at the ground line by a coupling. The hydrant shall have an internal valve opening at least 5-1/4" in diameter and equipped with a 4 1/2" pumper nozzle and two (2) 2 1/2" hose nozzles. Threads and operating nut shall be National Standard. The inlet connection shall be mechanical joint (bolts, gaskets, follower flanges, etc. shall be included). Hydrants shall be dry barrel, dry top design, and meet AWWA standards. Hydrant shoe shall be able to fit ductile iron and class "D" pit cast iron pipe.

D. IRON PIPE

Ductile Iron per AWWA Standard C-151, centrifugal cast, pressure class 250. Bell and spigot, using single elongated grooved rubber gasket similar and approved equal to the "Tyton" joint

as manufactured by U.S. Pipe and Foundry Co. Cement lined per AWWA C-104, except lining shall be not less than 1/8-inch thick. Factory coated exterior w/coal-tar base coating and interior seal coated with same material.

E. GATE BOXES

Valve boxes shall be heavy pattern cast iron consisting of three components: an upper section, a lower section, and a cover. The upper section shall slide over the lower section in a telescoping manner to provide sufficient lengths to accommodate various cover depths without traveling the full length of either section. The top end of the upper section shall be flared outward to provide room for a recess on the inside diameter to receive the cover. The cover shall be at least six inches in diameter and fit into the recess so that the top of the cover is flush with the rim edge of the top section. The top end of the cover shall have the word "WATER" cast thereon in raised letters. The cover shall fit into the recess in such a manner that would prevent the cover from "rattling" or from being dislodged and flipped out of the recess by contact with vehicular travel. The bottom end of the top section shall be a plain end (not flanged). The lower section shall be at least 5.25 inches inside diameter and belled or domed at the bottom to fit over the valve.

Valve boxes shall be of good quality cast iron, free from all defects in material and workmanship, and shall be coated over all surfaces (inside and outside) with coal-tar pitch enamel or other approved coating. Valve boxes shall be "Buffalo" type suitable for the size valve on which they are used and shall be as manufactured by Buffalo Pipe and Foundry. The top section shall be 24-inches long, the bottom section, 40-inches long.

F. SERVICE BOXES

Service boxes shall be heavy pattern cast-iron, cast in two telescoping sections, of sliding construction and of such lengths as will provide the required cover, without full extension of either section. The lower section shall be at least 2.5 inches inside diameter, belled or domed at the bottom to fit over the curb stop. The upper section with lid flush with the top shall fit over the lower section. Service boxes shall be of good quality, cast iron, free from all defects in material and workmanship, and shall be coated inside and outside with coal-tar pitch enamel or other approved coating. Service boxes shall be "Buffalo" type and shall be as manufactured by Buffalo Pipe and Foundry, or an approved equal. Each service box shall be complete with a top section and cover, a bottom section, rod, and sand catcher. The top section shall be 24-inches long, the bottom section, 48-inches long, and the rod, 48-inches long.

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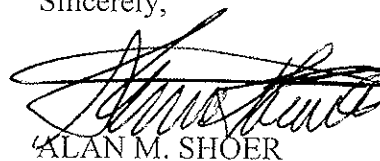
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**Re: Woonsocket Water Division
Application For Rate Change with The Public Utilities Commission**

Dear Paul:

Pursuant to Section 39-3-11 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the City of Woonsocket has filed the enclosed document with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission in support of its request for a change in water rates.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for Woonsocket Water Division

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Ms. Pauline S. Payeur, City Clerk
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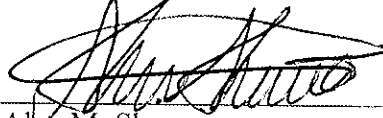
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Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION
By its Attorney,



Alan M. Shoer

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Ms. Patricia A. Skurka, Town Clerk
Town of Cumberland
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Cumberland, RI 02864

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Town Clerk
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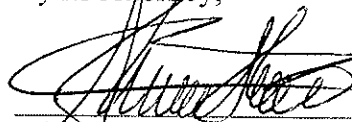
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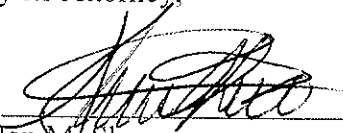
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Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION
By its Attorney,



Alan M. Shoer

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December 8, 2006

Ms. Debra A. Todd, Town Clerk
Town of North Smithfield
Memorial Town Hall
1 Main Street
Slatersville, RI 02876

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: CITY OF WOONSOCKET :
WATER DEPARTMENT APPLICATION :
TO CHANGE RATE SCHEDULES : DOCKET NO. _____
:
DECEMBER 2006 FILING :


**Attestation Under Rule 2.7
Of the Rules of Practice and Procedure
Of the Public Utilities Commission**

I, Paul M. O'Connor, Managerial Accountant of the Water Division for City of Woonsocket, in conformance with Rule 2.7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure with the Public Utilities Commission, hereby attest that the facts contained in the documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. The cost and revenue statements and supporting data thereto which purport to reflect the books of the Woonsocket Water Division do, in fact, set forth said results. All changes and differences between the books and test year data and any changes in the manner of recording said data during the test year have been expressly noted.


Paul M. O'Connor

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND :
CITY OF WOONSOCKET :

Subscribed and sworn to me this 7 day of December, 2006.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/6/2008

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AND COMMISSION'S RULES**

Item 2.10(a) Availability

Response: Information required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-12.1 is included in the testimony of Carol Lariviere, Exhibit 1, Tables A through E.

Item 2.10(b) Limitation on Revenue Increase of 25%

Response: See Schedule WEE-1

Item 2.10(b) (Refer to the testimony of Walter E. Edge, Jr., MBA CPA):

(1) Debt Service

Response: See Schedules WEE-3 and WEE-12
See Schedule MG-1

(2) Salaries, Wages and Benefits

Response: See Schedules WEE-3 and WEE-4

(3) Property Taxes

Response: See Schedules WEE-3 and WEE-7

(4) Chemicals

Response: See Schedules WEE-3 and WEE-9

(5) Insurance

Response: See Schedules WEE-3 and WEE-8

(6) Infrastructure replacement program funding

Response: See Schedules WEE-3 and WEE-10

(7) Purchased Water

Response: Not Applicable

(8) Other Accounts > 10% increase

Response: See Schedule WEE-3

Item 2.10(c) Restriction on Abbreviated Filing:

(1) Net Utility operating loss prior two fiscal years

Response: See Schedule DGB-2

(2) Rate Order issued in prior five years

Response: Last general rate order docket no. 3626 issued July 21, 2005.

(3) Significant change in revenue recovery among classes

Response: No significant change.

(4) Annual Reports to the Commission

Response: All annual reports have been filed.

(5) Compliance with prior orders

Response: Woonsocket Water is in compliance.

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- Item 2.10(d)(1)** **Cost of service schedules for the test year and the proposed rate year; a balance sheet for the test year.**
Response: See testimony of David Bebyn and Walter Edge and Schedules attached.
- Item 2.10(d)(2)** **Supporting calculations and data for known and measurable changes allowed per Rule 2.10(b).**
Response: See list of Schedules identifies in Response to Item 2.10(b) above.
- Item 2.10(d)(3)** **A comparative statement of revenues and expenditures for the past three (3) fiscal years.**
Response: See Schedule DGB-2
- Item 2.10(d)(4)** **Work papers detailing the test year revenues by source, tariff, rate class, etc. The sales volumes/quantities and customer counts by rate class shall be presented.**
Response: See Schedule DGB 1-A
- Item 2.10(d)(5)** **A schedule presenting the principal and interest amounts paid on debt service for the test year and the amounts projected for the rate year.**
Response: See Schedule WEE-12
 See Schedule MG-1
- Item 2.10(d)(6)** **For rate filing requesting an increase in debt service requirements:**
 (i) a capital program
 (ii) evidence of City approval for debt issuance
 (iii) a summary of debt issuance costs
Response: See Legal Notice of Change in Rates; See also testimony of Carol C. Lariviere, Maureen Gurghigian, and Walter E. Edge, Jr.
- Item 2.10(d)(7)** **A summary of expenses incurred and projected to be incurred related to the instant rate case filing.**
Response: See Schedule WEE-12
- Item 2.10(d)(8)** **A summary of the status of compliance and reporting required by prior Commission orders.**
Response: Woonsocket Water is in compliance with Orders and is up-to-date with all reporting requirements.
- Item 2.10(d)(9)** **Accounting summary of restricted accounts to provide the funding, interest accrual and expenditure of each restricted account since the date of the last rate order.**
Response: See Schedule WEE -13